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SUBJECT: GRAINS RESERVES AND THE MTN

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1. ON JUNE 26 AMBASSADOR GREENWALD MET WITH SOAMES, RABOT, HIJZEN, AND HANNAY AND URGED THAT THE COMMUNITY PROCEED WITH TALKS ON A GRAINS RESERVE SYSTEM FOLLOWING THE IWC MEETING IN LONDON (REFTEL). HE ASSURED THEM IT WAS NOT THE US INTENTION THAT RESERVES TALKS IN LONDON SHOULD PRE-EMPT GRAINS DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA. SOAMES SAID GUNDELACE HAD SENT A MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON EXPLAINING THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHED TO CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON.

2. HANNAY RAISED THE PROBLEM FOR THE COMMISSION ARISING OUT
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OF THE COMMUNITY'S MANDATE FOR GRAINS NEGOTIATION. IT REFERS

SOLELY TO THE GENEVA MTN CONTEXT, AND THERE IS NO MANDATE FOR NEGOTIATING THE THE IWC FRAMEWORK. IF TALKS PROCEED IN LONDON WHILE NO DISCUSSION OF THE EC PROPOSAL ENSUES AT GENEVA, MEMBER STATES WILL FORCE THE COMMISSION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE LONDON TALKS. THE PROBLEM CAN BE AVOIDED ONLY IF USEFUL TALKS ARE ALSO GOING ON IN GENEVA.

3. RABAT SAID HE HAD BECOME VERY DUBIOUS ABOUT PROCEEDING IN LONDON AFTER HAVING JUST READ THE REPORT ON THE JUNE 23 GENEVA CEREALS SUB-GROUP MEETING. THE US STATEMENT HAD CONTAINED NO COMMENT WHATSOEVER ON THE EC PROPOSAL AND HAD CONTINUED TO FOCUS ENTIRELY ON ASPECTS LIKE VARIABLE LEVIES AND EXPORT SUBSIDIES. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE THE MEMBER STATES OF ANY VIRTUE OF GOING TO LONDON UNLESS HE COULD CLAIM THAT THE US WAS PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IN GENEVA. (HE SAID IT WOULD HAVE HELPED HAD THE UNITED STATES EVEN ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE COMMUNITY'S PROPOSALS.) RABOT AT ONE POINT THOUGHT THAT IF THE UNITED STATES REITERATED ITS WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS AT GENEVA, HE COULD OF COURSE GO TO LONDON AND REITERATE THE SAME OLD COMMUNITY POSITIONS. HOWEVER, AFTER SEEING THE RESULT OF THE JUNE 23 MEETING IN GENEVA, HE WAS NOT SURE THERE WAS ANY POINT IN A LONDON MEETING.

4. SOAMES BELIEVED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF, IN ORDER TO SHOW GOOD FAITH AND SUPPORT FOR THE PARALLEL APPROACH CONCEPT, THE UNITED STATES WOULD PRESENT ITS RESERVE PROPOSALS AT GENEVA AS WELL AS IN LONDON. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS POINT DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT AND HOPED THE UNITED STATES WOULD AGREE.

5. RABOT ENDED THE CONVERSATION BY SAYING THE ISSUE OF THE LONDON MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF A SOAMES AND LARDINOIS TALK AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL MEMBER STATES. HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO GIVE A COMMISSION RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR GREENWALD'S REQUEST EARLY NEXT WEEK. GREENWALD

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